

Response to Restriction Requirement

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For: HUMAN CYTOKINE RECEPTOR

14, 2002 to March 14, 2002. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks. Claims 1-7 and 17 are now in the case.

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121. Applicants were requested to elect one of twelve designated groups as briefly noted below:

I. Claims 1-7 and 17, drawn to an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

II. Claims 1-7 and 17, drawn to an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

III. Claims 8-13 and 20, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, and a method of making the polypeptide and its fusion peptide with an immunoglobulin moiety, and classified in class 435, subclass 69.5.

IV. Claims 8-13 and 20, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:10, and a method of making the polypeptide and its fusion peptide with an immunoglobulin moiety, and classified in class 435, subclass 69.5.

V. Claims 14 and 18, drawn to an antibody to polypeptide regions of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 530, subclass 387.9.

VI. Claims 14 and 18, drawn to an antibody to polypeptide regions of SEQ ID NO:10, classified in class 530, subclass 387.9.

VII. Claims 15 and 19, drawn to an anti-idiotypic antibody that specifically binds with the antibody to SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 530, subclass 387.2.

VIII. Claims 15 and 19, drawn to an anti-idiotypic antibody that specifically binds with the antibody to SEQ ID NO:10, classified in class 530, subclass 387.2.

IX. Claim 16, drawn to a composition comprising a carrier and the isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

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X. Claim 16, drawn to a composition comprising a carrier and the isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:10, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

XI. Claim 16, drawn to a composition comprising a carrier and an expression vector that comprises a nucleic acid molecule encoding the isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or a recombinant virus that comprises such an expression vector, classified in class 514, subclass 44.

XII. Claim 16, drawn to a composition comprising a carrier and an expression vector that comprises a nucleic acid molecule encoding the isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:10 or a recombinant virus that comprises such an expression vector, classified in class 514, subclass 44.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 14, 2001, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-7 and 17, drawn to an isolated polypeptide comprising amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 530, subclass 350. Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and modification of the restriction requirement by combining Groups I and II, Groups III and IV, Groups V and VI, Groups VII and VIII, Groups IX and X, and Groups XI and XII into a single category. It is respectfully submitted that the inventions as claimed in Group I and Group II, for example, can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner as both are classified in class 530, subclass 350. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that each claim be placed into a single restriction group, rather than in multiple groups.

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Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. If the Patent Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6540.

Respectfully Submitted,
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